



## St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School

Dress Code Policy		
Date	Review Date	Coordinator
September 2017	September 2018	M Ryan

# Policy Statement and Guidelines

## *Mission Statement*

### The School aims:

- to make a successful contribution to the development of the Catholic faith in each member of the school community and to encourage children to establish a personal relationship with almighty God
- to be a Christian community where prayer, liturgy and worship are seen as an integral part of the everyday life of the school
- to give each child access to a broad and balanced curriculum as laid down by the Education Reform Act 1996 and developed in the National Curriculum, enabling all children to achieve full potential in their
- to give equal value to the contribution of every member of the school staff - teaching and non-teaching and to foster good, caring relationships based on sound Christian values within the school and the wider community
- to have due regard for all members of the community of which we are a part based on a true understanding of our gospel values
- to make the partnership which already exists between home, school and parish on formal, and informal levels continue to flourish
- to help children to reach their full potential within a living Christian community

### Policy Statement: School Dress Code

At St Patrick's Catholic Primary we aim to foster a cohesive Catholic community, where belonging and family are the norm'.

Review Date:

Summer 2015

All children are required to wear school uniform. We believe that it is smart, it gives the school an identity and it gives the child a sense of belonging.

We believe that staff are role models for pupils and should dress accordingly.

We believe that both staff and pupils should dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking.

## **Guidelines for Implementation**

### **Pupils' Dress**

Our school uniform is royal blue, grey and yellow as follows:

- Shirts and blouses white plain shirt or polo shirt, with a school tie (if a tie is worn)
- Trousers or shorts grey or black
- Skirts and pinafore dresses grey or black
- Summer dresses green and white check
- Jumpers green with school logo

- Sweatshirts/cardigans green with school logo
- T-shirts white with school logo
- Socks/tights white or black or grey (tights)
- Shoes brown or black plain shoes

Please call in to the school office for any advice and for details of the uniform provider

### **Code of Dress**

We ask parents **not** to send their children to school wearing trainers. Flip flops and inappropriate footwear are not safe for school.

### **Dressing for PE**

During PE it is important for reasons of hygiene and safety that pupils and staff have a change of clothing. Pupils are required to bring plimsolls or trainers, a white plain T- shirt and a pair of navy blue or black shorts, skirt or leotard to school in a drawstring bag.

Children may wear tracksuits for outdoor games in cold weather. For swimming

each child will need a towel, and a swimsuit.

We ask parents to name all items of clothing so that we can return lost property. (See also jewellery section)

### **Art and Craft**

For some art and craft activities it is important to protect clothing. Children may be asked to provide an apron or old shirt for this purpose.

### **Jewelry**

Pupils may wear watches.

All other forms of jewelry are not permitted – please refer to school handbook.

Pupils with pierced ears: Children may not wear any form of ear-ring for school to protect their own safety. The safety of our children is our first priority.

School staff must only have appropriate piercings as they need to set an example for the children. Staff are expected to play an active part in lessons, including PE so for their own safety piercings should be removed.

School staff will accept no responsibility for the safe keeping of watches or jewellery.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobiles are not allowed in school unless necessary for the Health and Safety for the child on their journey to and from school.

In this case all phones should be deposited at the school office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The school accepts not responsibility or liability for the storage of phones.

### **Staff and Governors Dress**

All staff and Governors should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils.

Staff should therefore exercise professional judgment when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day. Denim is not acceptable. Staff are expected to present themselves professionally and with modesty.

For particular activities, such as teaching PE, it sets a good example to pupils if staff also change into suitable clothing. This needs to be done during the break before the lesson. For reasons of safety, staff should always change into suitable footwear for PE.

### **Implementing and Monitoring this Policy**

All staff are responsible for implementing this policy.

If children wear inappropriate clothing, make-up or jewellery, the class teacher should discuss the school dress code with them and their parents/carers. Parents need to be contacted to request that they support school policy.

The Headteacher shall be responsible for ensuring that staff dress appropriately.

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